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For: State and County Offices

**Releasing Software for the Debt and Loan
Restructuring System (DALR\$) 2000 Version 2.4**

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1 Overview

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Background

The Debt and Loan Restructuring System (DALR\$) 2000 version 2.4:

- was released to FSA Field Offices
- implements changes required by the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (the 2002 Act).

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Purpose

This notice:

- provides information about the installation and implementation of the DALR\$ 2000 version 2.4 software
- describes known system limitations and the appropriate corrective actions, if applicable.

Note: Some software limitations that existed in DALR\$ version 6.4 and DALR\$ version 1.0.10 have not been corrected in DALR\$ 2000, version 2.4. Limitations that have not been corrected will be addressed in future maintenance contracts.

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Disposal Date

October 1, 2003

Distribution

State Offices; State Offices relay to County
Offices

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Contact

If there are any questions about:

- installing or uninstalling software, Microsoft Windows NT, or other CCE Operating System concerns, contact the State Computer Specialist

Note: If the State Computer Specialist is not available, contact the FSA National Help Desk at 1-800-255-2434.

- software program use, implementation, and regulatory issues:
 - County Offices shall contact the State DALR\$ Coordinator or the State Office
 - State DALR\$ Coordinators or State Offices shall contact Sharilyn Hashimoto, Program Sponsor, LSPMD, at 202-720-2743 or send an e-mail to sharilyn_hashimoto@wdc.fsa.usda.gov.
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2 Installing and Implementing DALR\$ 2000 Version 2.4 Software

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Installing and Implementing Software

The DALR\$ 2000 version 2.4 software shall be installed immediately upon receipt. Effective February 1, 2003, any loan servicing cases, with the exception of those identified below, must be processed using DALR\$ 2000 version 2.4.

Exceptions: Cases that are currently pending, because of appeal or other legal action, may continue to be processed under DALR\$ version 4.2 Y2K, DALR\$ 6.4, DALR\$ 1.0.10.

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Installation Requirements for DALR\$ 2000

DALR\$ 2000 version 2.4 software must be installed on CCE equipment, specifically, a microcomputer (PC), as a desktop or laptop, with a minimum processor speed of 200 MHz Pentium I and 32 MB RAM with the following software configuration:

- current CCE configuration with Windows NT 4.0, Service Pack 6 operating system
 - CCE Software Update CD #4, CCCR No. 6&7 Issue 1
 - PC-03 DALR\$ 2000 Version 1.0.10.
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Installing Software

DALR\$ 2000 version 2.4 software must be installed on a PC with the minimum hardware and software configurations as stated in subparagraph B. State Offices are to ensure that the DALR\$ 2000 version 2.4 software is installed and implemented by the effective date by having an authorized user follow the software release transmittal to install the software.

Note: Windows NT requires Administrator privileges to install software.

3 Changes to DALR\$ 2000 Version 2.4

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DALR\$ 2000 Version 2.4 Changes

Enhancements/changes made to this software are as follows:

- system displays a summary screen of the DALR\$ solution at the end of the calculations process
 - Existing Loan Screen data entry logic has been corrected
 - interest rate selection process has been updated to allow selection of the appropriate lowest interest rate available
 - additional interest rate selection parameters according to Section 331B of CONACT as amended by the 2002 Act
 - reamortization of recapture payments may be processed according to Section 353(e)(7) of CONACT as amended by the 2002 Act
 - miscellaneous changes that directly impacted areas of the software program because of the implementation of the 2002 Act requirements.
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Pre-Existing Limitations in DALR\$

Exhibit 1 lists known system limitations **not** corrected by DALR\$ 2000 version 2.4.

Known Limitations Identified in DALR\$ 2000 Version 2.4

Screen/Area Affected	Description of Limitation	Corrective Action/Comment
Basic Borrower Information	System will not recognize a date entered in "mmddyyyy" format.	Enter dates in the following format "mm/dd/yyyy" Slashes are mandatory.
Existing Loan Screen	Note maturity date that is entered when the servicing action for a loan is coded "N" is not cleared from the field when the user changes the servicing code to something other than "N".	No corrective action necessary. Retained data does not affect calculation process.
Loan Interest Rate	When adding a new record, only 1 record can be added at a time.	Form is single add only.
	In "ADD", if the user enters initials and then tabs back to the "Date" field, the user will be in search mode. Therefore, if the user enters an existing date, the user will not receive the "this record already exists" validation, but the record will be brought up on the screen.	User should be aware of the sequence for data entry with this particular screen.
New Loans	The "Term" field validation recognizes 1 to 50 years. If entered an OL loan with a maximum term of 7 years then change to FO with maximum term of 40 years. Application recognizes 7 years as a valid entry and will not automatically change the data.	User must verify term is correct. If necessary, manually correct to proper maximum term.
Report	DALR\$ report will only print to the default printer. The user will have to change default printer settings, if printing to a different printer.	If applicable, check the printer default location and verify if correct.
	User should not click on "X" in upper right hand corner to close out view of DALR\$ report. User must select "CLOSE" icon. If user clicks on the "X" to close, the document will not close properly and the user will have to go through additional steps to close the document.	This is a limitation of MS Word.
System Settings	DALR\$ 2000 may not display properly, that is, top and bottom of screen view may be cut off or buttons will be partially cut off.	In "Display Properties", the "System" settings must be "Windows Standard" and "small fonts" for the software to display properly.